

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): METCALFE, ET AL.  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Entry of the present response is respectfully requested for the purpose of placing this application in condition for allowance. This is a response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2005. Applicant initially notes that the cover page of the Office Action indicates that the Office Action is non-final, although page 7 of the Office Action indicates that the Office Action is final. After a conversation with Examiner Kim on March 17, 2006, Applicant understands that the Office Action was intended to be Final. Consequently, Applicant submits the present request for reconsideration after Final, and requests expedited review of the present Response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.